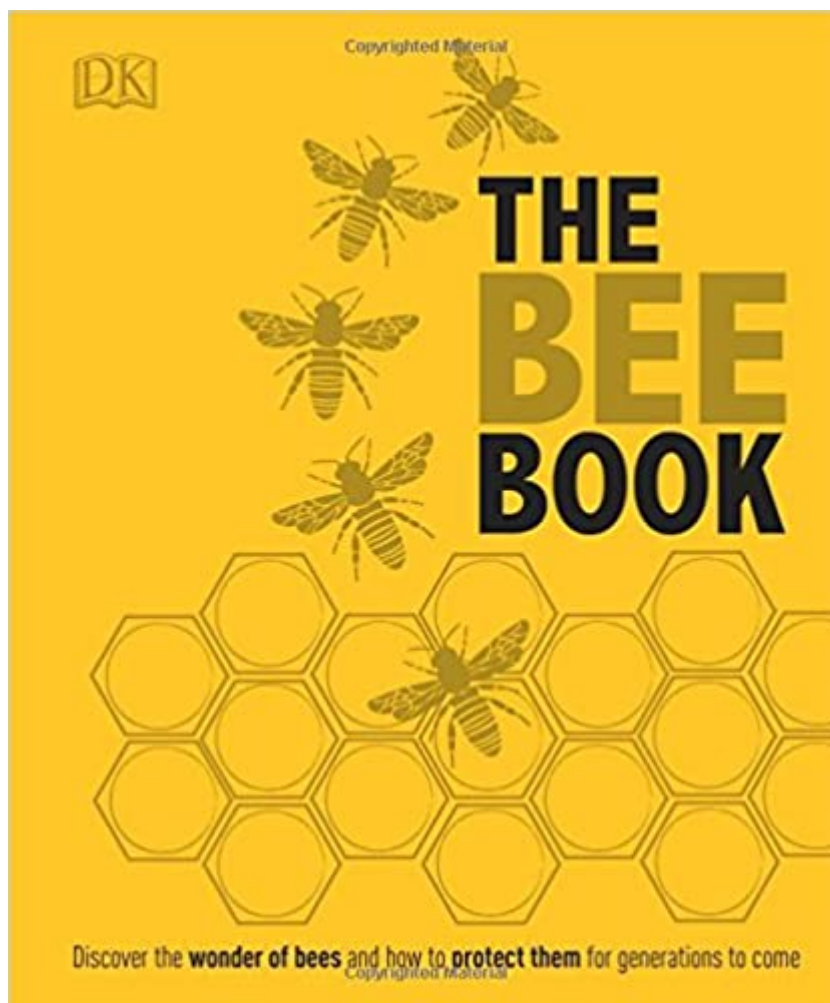


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# The Bee Book



## Synopsis

The Bee Book shows you step-by-step how to create a bee-friendly garden, get started in beekeeping, and harness the power of honey for well-being. Fully illustrated with full-color photographs throughout, this beautiful guide covers everything you need to know to start your own backyard hive, from setup to harvest. Practical beekeeping techniques are explained with clear step-by-step sequences, photos, and diagrams so you'll be prepared to establish your own colony, deal with diseases, collect a swarm, and much more. A comprehensive gardening chapter features planting plans to fill container and border gardens, bee "hotel" and habitat projects, and an at-a-glance flower gallery of bees' favorite plants. The Bee Book also shows you how to harvest honey, beeswax, and propolis from the hive and use these ingredients in 38 recipes for home remedies, beauty treatments, and candle-making. Discover the wonder of bees in nature, in your garden, and in the hive with The Bee Book, lavishly bound in a beautiful gold-foil and texture cover and perfect for gift giving.

## Book Information

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[View larger](#) **Honey Bees** The honey bee colony can be considered a superorganism, with the queen, workers, and drones, constituting the parts of a single entity. At the level of a superorganism, reproduction occurs when a new colony is formed, and this happens through swarming.

**Making Candles** Candle making is an incredibly satisfying aspect of the beekeeper's craft and can be carried out at any time of the year. Well-made beeswax candles burn cleanly, without dripping, and with a beautiful glow. No other type of wax compares. [View larger](#)

**Treasures of the Hive** The transformation of a flower's nectar into golden honey led ancient people to believe honey was one of nature's treasures. Honey and beeswax are highly prized by the beauty industry for their use in creams and lotions, while propolis is made into traditional preparations such as tinctures. [View larger](#)

[View larger](#) [View larger](#) [View larger](#) **The Honey Bee Family** A honey bee colony is divided into three distinct castes: workers, drones, and the queen. **Bee Flowers for Pots** Even without a patch of soil, you can still provide food for the bees and attract them to your home by planting bee-friendly flowers in pots. **Obtaining a Bee Colony** One of the first questions a beginner will ask is: "Where do I get my bees from?"

Gr 5 Up "Half science lesson and half "how to" manual for beekeeping, this enticing book will keep readers occupied for days, if not longer. The first half discusses bee evolution and what goes on in a hive. Information on honey, beeswax, and colony predators and a brief discussion of colony collapse disorder are followed by discussion of the "waggle dance" and several pages of bee houses and bee-friendly flower gardens. The second half is a guide to beekeeping, though it is still compelling for those without access to bee colonies. Along with general content is specific material on topics such as reportable pests and diseases and how to collect a swarm. The book concludes with about 30 projects and recipes, such as beeswax candles and honey lemon cough drops. The work is visually gorgeous, with a balanced layout of photos, illustrations, text, and sidebars.

Tenderhearted readers may cringe to learn a drone's genitals are pulled from his body upon mating and that a beekeeper may need to "cull the queen" of a poorly performing colony. This book could broaden the focus for those who like reading about sharks, war, diseases, and things that are a little bit icky yet scientific. VERDICT Fascinating for many ages and a great addition to the science section of any middle or high school library. "Maggie Knapp, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX

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bees and welcome them into their gardens and wild places and even encourage some to keep honeybees." â " Booklist "Lots of great photos of go-to plants for bees." â " The Toledo Blade "This succinct yet surprisingly comprehensive introduction will be attractive to researchers, and hopefully may inspire readers to consider beekeeping as a hobby." â " School Library Connection "Budding entomologists, young environmentalists, and gardening enthusiasts alike are bound to discover fascinating facts and how-to project inspiration." â " School Library Journal

This is a gorgeous, well researched and laid out coffee table book. Every page is beautifully illustrated with photographs and drawings. Whatever your interest in bees an insect that humanity depends on for our very survival you'll find this to be an exceptional resource for your family, and a handsome addition to your library. We're just getting into keeping bees our first hive was installed yesterday! This morning, there's the busy hum of bees working the garden, and the sight of the girls wiggling into flowers and circling over the hive. We got the Bee Book in order to assist in the preparation and learning process and it's been a huge help. I was able to recount some facts that even our expert bee keepers did not know! If your goal is to rear bees yourself (and there are few ways to better assist life on the planet, given that bees are disappearing by the billions), you'll find a cornucopia of useful information. You'll learn how bees, wasps and ants all emerged from a common ancestor. You'll read about the enormous number of bee species, including stingless bees. You'll find out that our common honey bees are not native after all, but were introduced by European colonists, now found on every continent except Antarctica. You'll be introduced to modern bee keeping methods, types of hives, queens and colonies, the protective clothing and equipment you'll need to care for your bees, to harvesting your honey and wax, and much more. There are chapters on creating a bee-friendly garden, to things you can do with the products of your hives from candle making to sculptures. You'll learn about bee predators, large and small, and what to do about them. There are recipes for medicine -- everything from acne to colds. You'll learn how to make body butter and balms, scrubs and facial masks, all from the liquid gold and wax your bees provide. It's a wonderful book, chockablock with fascinating and useful information, well written and beautifully illustrated. At a price point under \$17 (with free shipping for Prime members), this is an exceptional value. Highly recommended.

Loved it! We are first time beekeepers, we just got our bees 4 days ago! We have two Warre hives and are going the more natural path. Beforehand, I wanted to read a variety of books about

beekeeping to understand my options and then, make my choices that aligned to my philosophy. As an aside, we also took a beekeeping class. I purchased this book with a few others because it looked interesting and thought my husband would enjoy it mostly. I thought the illustrations would provide some interesting graphics for reference and to visualize this whole process, but it ended up being a great read! It provided a different perspective than the beekeeping books, with a center on the bees and history of the bees which is helpful to understand to know why and how bees are doing what they are doing now. It wasn't repetitive and it was a nice companion to the other books. The illustrations were beautiful! I really got much more than I expected from this book and it is just so pretty!

Wonderful book - hard cover, with so many pictures and drawings, it reminds me of a picture book I would have had as a child - wonderful to just hold and look through - and yet it has lots of reading material and is chock full of information. I especially like the structure of first telling you about bees in general (apparently there are many more bees in the world than honey bees, most of them solitary) with some very nifty information (with instructions and oodles of pictures) of how to invite wild pollinators to your yard and offer them homes and food and protection - a section of planting for bees - and then, the second half of the book, all about getting started with keeping honey bees. No lack of information, though, seems to me like everything is covered, from getting bees to all the chores one needs to think about, even a time table for a bee keeper on what time of year one needs to look out for queens, swarming, diseases and pests, and winterizing, and how it is all done. Delightful little book that told me all I wanted to know and so much more, in a fun and entertaining format! Thank you!

As a new beekeeper this book is just what I needed. The clear, detailed close up photos helped have the confidence to inspect a hive first time on my own....and, know what I should be looking at.

My 2-1/2 year old son loves to "read" this book, and I enjoy reading it to him. The text is definitely written to an older child (I would say that a child would have to be in at least second grade before reading it on his or her own). Fortunately, there are enough snippets of information that an adult can tailor the words to fit the child as she or he reads aloud. The photos, though, are what make this book so attractive. Each type of aircraft (to include experimental aircraft, Chinook helicopters, and future space-shuttle-like craft) has a two-page spread of photos in this oversized book. Most types feature at least three photos: one from the side, one from directly in front (the SR-71 Blackbird and

the jumbo jet are particularly striking!) and one from the rear. Every type of aircraft has a photo taken while flying. My young son is learning that jet planes don't have propellers and that rocket engines look different from jet engines. Of course, at first, he was more interested in the striking colors of the aircraft chosen for the photos, but this book allows him to grow. He has a while yet before he learns "it all", unlike some of the other airplane books for young children. An enthusiastic thumbs up!

My 5 year old nephew loved the book, but I didn't like the layout and angles of the photos - would prefer smaller photos of the sides of the plane rather than a photo taken right in front of the nose, with the centerfold awkwardly running down its centre. Felt the book could have made better use of its size. The information was interesting and useful and even my brother in his 30s enjoyed it.

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